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## ABSTRACT

The nature of generated machine error in finite digital calculations is discussed. The arithmetic of range numbers is developed, and examples are given demonstrating the use of range arithmetic as a tool for automatic error analysis. A computer program is developed, utilizing the TYPE OTHER feature of FORTRAN-63 in conjunction with the CDC-1604 digital computer, which enables the user to perform automatic error analysis during computation, and a number of programs are presented using this feature.

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## 1. Introduction.

The utilization of high-speed digital computers to perform lengthy and complex mathematical computations is widespread. Unfortunately, the user often assumes that the computer output will necessarily be accurate if his input data is accurate and his program logic is sound. This need not be the case, and such an assumption may well lead the user to incorrect or highly inaccurate results. The difficulty arises because of the very nature of digital computation.

A digital computer has a finite memory, and cannot carry within it infinite precision numbers, or perform infinitely accurate calculations. Each number stored in a digital computer must, of necessity, contain a finite number of digits. As a result, during each step of computation, the computer automatically truncates or rounds off numbers to conform with its memory storage requirements. Each arithmetic operation introduces an error in precision due to such truncation, which may accumulate with other such errors to produce sizeable inaccuracies in results. It is also possible that the errors may cancel and give a fairly accurate result; but, in either case, the user will have no knowledge of whether or not any error had accumulated in computation.

It would be desirable to eliminate precision errors entirely, but hardware limitations make it impossible to do so. It is, however, possible to estimate and control the errors arising in finite digital computations, by appropriate choice of an algorithm. One method is

called range arithmetic, or interval arithmetic [1, 2]. This method enables the generated error to be analysed automatically within the computer, during computation.

The technique of range arithmetic replaces any real number of infinite precision by two numbers of finite precision, one of which is a lowerbound of the real number, and the other is a corresponding upper-bound of the real number. We can then be certain that the real number lies in the range of the two finite precision numbers.

In this thesis, we will discuss the arithmetic of range numbers, the application of range arithmetic to digital computation, and present a computer program designed for use on the CDC-1604 computer in conjunction with FORTRAN-63, which will provide a means of automatic error analysis in digital computation.

## 2. The Arithmetic of Range Numbers.

In this section, we will discuss the properties of range numbers, and the arithmetic operations pertaining to them.

Let  $x$  be any real number. Associated with this real number is a range number  $X$ , which has the following properties:

- (1)  $X$  is a closed bounded interval;
- (2)  $X$  contains  $x$ .

Then define the range number  $X$ , associated with the real number  $x$ , to be the closed bounded interval

$$X = [xL, xU],$$

where  $xL$  and  $xU$  are defined by the transformations  $L$  and  $U$  as follows:

$$x \xrightarrow{L} xL$$

$$x \xrightarrow{U} xU$$

We may then write

$$x \xrightarrow{L, U} X = [xL, xU] .$$

The transformations  $L$  and  $U$  are determined by the precision allowed in computation. If, for example, we would like to find the range number associated with  $e = 2.71828\dots$ , and we are allowed only two significant figures, then

$$X = [2.7, 2.8] .$$

On the other hand, if allowed five significant figures, then

$$X = [2.7182, 2.7183] .$$

For integers (known with exact precision), the range number will have the same upper and lower bound, equal to the integer itself. Then, if  $x = 3$ ,  $X = [3, 3]$ .

We can see, then, that the range number  $X$  will represent the smallest closed interval containing  $x$ , for a given set of transformations  $L$  and  $U$ .

The arithmetic operations associated with range numbers can be defined in the following manner. Let  $(op)$  represent an arithmetic operation, and consider two range numbers

$$X = [x_L, x_U] ,$$

and

$$Y = [y_L, y_U] .$$

Then,

$$Z = X (op) Y = [z_L, z_U] ,$$

where

$$z_L = \min [x_L (op) y_L, x_L (op) y_U, x_U (op) y_L, x_U (op) y_U]$$

$$z_U = \max [x_L (op) y_L, x_L (op) y_U, x_U (op) y_L, x_U (op) y_U] .$$

It can be seen that the real number  $z = x (op) y$  will be in the interval  $Z$ , and that  $Z$  represents the smallest interval that contains  $z$ .

Now let

$(+)$  - denote range addition

$(-)$  - denote range subtraction

$(*)$  - denote range multiplication

$(/)$  - denote range division

From the definition above, it can be seen that

$$(1) \quad Z = X (+) Y = [xL + yL, xU + yU]$$

$$(2) \quad -X = [-xU, -xL]$$

$$(3) \quad Z = X (-) Y = X (+) (-Y) = [xL - yU, xU - yL]$$

(4)  $X = Y$  if and only if

$$xL = yL, \text{ and } xU = yU$$

$$(5) \quad Z = X (*) Y, \text{ where}$$

$$zL = \min [xL * yL, xL * yU, xU * yL, xU * yU]$$

$$zU = \max [xL * yL, xL * yU, xU * yL, xU * yU]$$

The values of  $zL$  and  $zU$  can also be obtained using a table of sign discriminations.

Using the table on page 14, we need only calculate one product for each end point, except in sign discrimination 5.

$$(6) \quad Z = X (/) Y, \text{ where}$$

$$zL = \min [xL / yL, xL / yU, xU / yL, xU / yU]$$

$$zU = \max [xL / yL, xL / yU, xU / yL, xU / yU]$$

Note, that in the case in which  $Y$  brackets zero, i.e.,  $Y = [-1, 3]$ , range division is undefined. This is equivalent to forbidden division by zero in real arithmetic.

	$xL$	$xU$	$yL$	$yU$	Values of $zL$ and $zU$
1	+	+	+	+	$zL = xL*yL$ , $zU = xU*yU$
2	+	+	-	+	$zL = xU*yL$ , $zU = xU*yU$
3	+	+	-	-	$zL = xU*yL$ , $zU = xL*yU$
4	-	+	+	+	$zL = xL*yU$ , $zU = xU*yU$
5	-	+	-	+	$zL = \min[xU*yL, xL*yU]$ , $zU = \max[xL*yL, xU*yU]$
6	-	+	-	-	$zL = xU*yL$ , $zU = xL*yL$
7	-	-	+	+	$zL = xL*yU$ , $zU = xU*yL$
8	-	-	-	+	$zL = xL*yU$ , $zU = xL*yL$
9	-	-	-	-	$zL = xU*yU$ , $zU = xL*yL$

TABLE OF SIGN DISCRIMINATIONS

FIGURE 1

We now will give some illustrative examples of computations using range arithmetic.

$$[a, b] (+) [c, c] = [a+c, b+c]$$

$$[a, b] (*) [c, c] = [ca, cb] \quad \text{for } c \geq 0$$

$$[a, b] (*) [c, c] = [cb, ca] \quad \text{for } c \leq 0$$

$$[a, b] (-) [a, b] = [a-b, b-a]$$

$$[a, b] (/) [a, b] = [a/b, b/a] \quad \text{for } a > 0$$

$$[1, 2] (*) [-4, -3] = [-8, -3]$$

### 3. Range Arithmetic and Automatic Error Analysis.

In finite digital computation, errors are generated in the process of round-off, truncation, and normalization. One has no method of determining the seriousness of such errors unless some sort of error analysis is performed. A method is necessary that can evaluate the error generated at each step in the computation, and also keep track of the accumulated error. The techniques of range arithmetic are suited to this purpose. If, in addition to doing real arithmetic, we parallel the computation with range arithmetic, the range numbers calculated will keep track of the error, and the final result will be the smallest closed interval containing the "true", infinite precision result.

Error analysis via range arithmetic not only furnishes information as to the size of machine-generated errors, but it also can be utilized to evaluate the accuracy of alternative computational schemes. Indeed, the error generated in one type of computation may be quite different from that obtained using another method of computation. A few examples will illustrate this point.

#### Example 1.

Consider the problem of finding the roots of the equation

$$x^2 + 100,000x + 100 = 0 .$$

We will concern ourselves with finding the larger root of this equation, and we will assume that the computer can carry six significant

figures. We will first calculate the result using ordinary arithmetic and the quadratic formula, and then use range arithmetic in conjunction with the quadratic formula. The notation will be that which is equivalent to normalized floating-point operations on a computer. For example, the number 100,000 will be denoted by .100000E6, where E6 denotes the power of ten multiplying .100000.

The equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

has, as its larger root,

$$x = \frac{(-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})}{2a} .$$

We then calculate our solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-0.100000E6 + \sqrt{0.100000E11 - 0.400000E3}}{0.2E1} \\ &= \frac{-0.100000E6 + \sqrt{0.100000E11 - 0.000000E11}}{0.2E1} \\ &= \frac{-0.100000E6 + 0.100000E6}{0.2E1} \\ &= 0.000000E00 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$x = 0$$

Now, in order to do the same problem in range arithmetic, we assume some uncertainty in the coefficients of our original equation. We then replace the original coefficients by range numbers reflecting the uncertainty. For example, we will replace 100,000 by [99999.9, 100,001].

The equation to be solved now is

$$[.999999E0, .100001E1]x^2 + [.999999E5, .100001E6]x + [.999999E2, .100001E3] = 0.$$

Now,

$$b^2 = [.999999E5, .100001E6]^2$$

$$= [.99999E10, .100003E11]$$

$$ac = [.999999E0, .100001E1] \times [.999999E2, .100001E3]$$

$$= [.999998E2, .100003E3]$$

$$4ac = [.399999E3, .400012E3]$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = [.999998E10, .100003E11] - [.399999E3, .400012E3]$$

$$= [.999997E10, .100003E11]$$

$$\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} = [.999998E5, .100002E6]$$

$$-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} = [.999998E5, .100002E6] - [.999999E5, .100001E6]$$
$$= [-.120000E4, .210000E4]$$

and

$$x = \frac{[-.120000E4, .210000E4]}{[.399999E3, .400012E3]}$$
$$= [-.299994E1, .525002E1]$$

By using range arithmetic, we have kept accurate error bounds and have found that our root is in the interval [-2.9, 5.3], or  
[-.299994E1, .525002E1]. Our result tells us that the true value could be anywhere within the calculated interval. However, the interval

is wide, and could contain the value zero, which was our answer using real arithmetic. We would like to tighten the interval, so that we may be more confident of the computer results. The next example will illustrate how, with a little knowledge of sources of error generated in finite calculations, we can obtain more satisfactory results.

**Example 2.**

Consider the formula for the larger root of a quadratic equation,

$$x = (-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}) / 2a$$

and divide numerator and denominator by b so that

$$x = (-1 + \sqrt{1 - s}) b / 2a$$

where

$$s = 4ac/b^2 .$$

Expanding the radical in a power series, we obtain

$$\sqrt{1 - s} = 1 - s/2 - s^2/8 - s^3/16 - \dots$$

The equation for x becomes

$$x = - (s/2 + s^2/8 + s^3/16 + \dots) b/2a .$$

Now, for the equation

$$x^2 + 100,000x + 100 = 0$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \frac{(.400000E1)(.100000E1)(.100000E3)}{(.100000E6)^2} \\ &= .400000E-7 \end{aligned}$$

$$s/2 = .200000E-7$$

$$s^2/8 = .200000E-15$$

$$\begin{aligned} b^2/2a &= (.100000E6) / (.200000E1) (.100000E1) \\ &= .500000E5 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -(.500000E5) (.200000E-7 + .200000E-15) \\ &= -(.500000E5) (.200000E-7) \\ &= - .100000E-2 \end{aligned}$$

or,

$$x = - .001$$

We now solve the same problem using range arithmetic, with the modified quadratic formula.

Our equation is

$$\begin{aligned} [.999999E0, .100001E1] x^2 + [.999999E5, .100001E6] x \\ + [.999999E2, .100001E3] = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

In example 2, we found that

$$b^2 = [.999998E10, .100003E11]$$

$$4ac = [.399999E3, .400012E3]$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \frac{[.399999E3, .400012E3]}{[.999998E10, .100003E11]} \\ &= [.399987E-7, .400013E-7] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s/2 &= [.399987E-7, .400013E-7] / [.200000E1, .200000E1] \\ &= [.199994E-7, .200007E-7] \end{aligned}$$

$$s^2 = [.159987E-14, .160009E-14]$$

$$s^2/8 = [.199983E-15, .200012E-15]$$

$$s/2 + s^2/8 = [.199994E-7, .200008E-7]$$

$$\begin{aligned} b/a &= [.999999E5, .100001E6] / [.999999E0, .100001E1] \\ &= [.999989E5, .100002E6] \end{aligned}$$

$$b/2a = [.499994E5, .500005E5]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x &= - [.499994E5, .500005E5] [.199994E-7, .200008E-7] \\ &= [-.100005E-2, -.999958E-3] \end{aligned}$$

or,

$$x = [-.00100005, -.000999958] .$$

Thus, we can see that the method in example 2 generates far less error than the straight application of the quadratic formula. Indeed, the previous examples illustrate the use of range arithmetic in evaluating a given computational technique.

#### 4. QRANGE7 - Program Description and Usage.

The TYPE OTHER capability in the FORTRAN-63 compiler for the CDC-1604 computer allows the relatively simple implementation of range arithmetic for the user. Using the QRANGE7 package, the programmer need only declare all floating-point variables to be TYPE RANGE7(3), and follow the usual rules of FORTRAN programming. The QRANGE7 package supplies the necessary subroutines for range arithmetic computations.

Range arithmetic calculations are made carrying a triple of numbers ( $x_F$ ,  $x_L$ ,  $x_U$ ), rather than a double as stated previously. The first number in the triple is the ordinary floating-point result, as calculated using standard floating-point arithmetic. The remaining numbers in the triple are the lower and upper range numbers, respectively. Note that  $x_L \leq x_F \leq x_U$ . In any range calculation, the "real" part of the triple is computed last and remains in the accumulator, so that transfers and comparisons (such as the IF statement) will follow the same logical branches as in ordinary floating-point arithmetic.

Standard floating-point arithmetic cannot be used on either lower or upper range numbers since, in floating-point calculations, round-off and normalization are done automatically, and would reduce the accuracy of the range interval. In QRANGE7, the arithmetic performed on range numbers is un-normalized, and separate subroutines are provided which truncate the lower range numbers and round up by one bit in the

least significant position, or truncate, the upper range numbers as required. The un-normalized arithmetic is performed by unpacking the operands, putting them in un-normalized form, doing the appropriate arithmetic, re-normalizing and repacking the result.

Input/output may be accomplished in one of two ways. The programmer may use EQUIVALENCE statements to transfer input / output of range numbers as real numbers, where each range number is equivalent to three real numbers, or he may use the Input / Output for Multi-Word TYPE OTHER package [ 3 ] and transfer the range numbers directly in and out of the computer memory. The following examples will illustrate the use of these methods, and the use of QRANGE7.

A.

```
TYPE RANGE7(3) A7, B7, X7  
DIMENSION A7(3), AR(9), B7(3), BR(9), X7(3, 3), XR(27)  
EQUIVALENCE (A7, AR), (B7, BR), (X7, XR)  
READ 10, AR, BR  
10 FORMAT(8F10.0)  
DO 20 I=1, 3  
DO 20 J=1, 3  
20 X7(J, I) = A7(I)*B7(J)  
DO 30 I=1, 25, 3  
30 PRINT 40, XR(I), XR(I+1), XR(I+2), XR(I), XR(I+1), XR(I+2)  
40 FORMAT(//15X, 3(E20.10, 10X)/15X, 3(020, 10X))  
END
```

In this example, we have assumed that the programmer reads in the three parts of the range numbers using real floating-point numbers that are simultaneously stored as the three parts of the range numbers by use of the EQUIVALENCE statement. The next example will illustrate the same program, but using the INPUT / OUTPUT for MULTI-WORD TYPE OTHER package [3].

B.

```
TYPE RANGE7(3) A7, B7, X7  
DIMENSION A7(3), B7(3), X7(3, 3)  
CALL READ7  
READ 10, A7, B7  
10 FORMAT(8F10.0)  
DO 20 I=1, 3  
DO 20 J=1, 3  
X7(J, I) = A7(I)*B7(J)  
CALL PRINT7  
20 PRINT 30, X7(J, I)  
30 FORMAT(//15X, 3(E20.10, 10X) / 15X, 3(020, 10X))  
END
```

## 5. Matrix Inversion Using Range Arithmetic.

In order to test QRANGE7, and evaluate the errors generated in a particular program, a number of matrix inversions were run. In one case, the matrix to be inverted was generated randomly, using the RANF(-1) library function of FORTRAN-63. About 15 programs were run in this manner. In the second case, the input matrix was specified, and the individual elements of the matrix were assumed to be inaccurate. Thus, they were inputed as range numbers. Both cases used the MATINV2 subroutine provided by the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School computer facility, in conjunction with QRANGE7. Two range subroutines had to be used: ABS7, which takes the absolute value of a range number; and Q0Q06700, which complements the range accumulator [5]. (A listing of these subroutines appears in Appendix II.) The coding for both cases was as follows:

### Case 1. Randomly Generated Matrices

```
PROGRAM RANMAT

TYPE RANGE7(3) XMAT, XINV

DIMENSION XMAT(5, 5), XINV(5, 5), XJUNK(2000)

READ 2000, N

DO 90 I=1, N

90 XJUNK(I) = RANF(-1)

DO 10 I=1, 5
```

```
DO 10 J=1, 5  
  
B(I, J) = RANF( - 1)*1000  
  
10 XMAT(I, J) = B(I, J)  
  
CALL PRINT7  
  
DO 20 J=1, 5  
  
DO 20 I=1, 5  
  
20 PRINT 2001, XMAT(I, J), XMAT(I, J)  
  
CALL MATINV2(XMAT, XINV, 5, 5)  
  
CALL PRINT7  
  
DO 30 J=1, 5  
  
DO 30 I=1, 5  
  
30 PRINT 2001, XINV(I, J), XINV(I, J)  
  
2000 FORMAT(F10.0)  
  
2001 FORMAT(//15X, 3(E20.10, 10X) / 15X, 3(020, 10X))  
  
END
```

Case 2. Input Matrix Containing Range Elements

```
PROGRAM MMATRIX  
  
TYPE RANGE7(3) A, B  
  
DIMENSION A(3, 3), B(3, 3)  
  
CALL READ7  
  
DO 10 J=1, 3  
  
DO 10 I=1, 3  
  
10 READ 2000, A(I, J)
```

```
      CALL PRINT7

      DO 20 J=1,3

      DO 20 I=1,3

20   PRINT 2001 , A(I,J) , A(I,J)

      CALL MATINV2(A, B, 3, 3)

      CALL PRINT7

      DO 30 J=1,3

      DO 30 I=1,3

30   PRINT 2001 , B(I,J) , B(I,J)

2000 FORMAT(3F10.0)

2001 FORMAT(//15X , 3(E20.10,10X) / 15X, 3(020,10X))

      END
```

The results obtained using random matrices were highly accurate. For  $5 \times 5$  matrices, seven decimal places of accuracy were obtained, and the range of error was small. It might be noted that the conversion of the real random matrix to a matrix of range numbers introduced no errors, and hence the resulting range intervals on the inverse elements were solely a consequence of digital computation. On the other hand, the error generated in the second case was quite large, and decimal accuracy varied from zero to one. In fact, large errors were generated for input coefficients with ranges of approximately  $1.0E-2$ . It was found, in both cases, that the error generated increased with increasing matrix dimension. This is to be expected, since the number of

calculations done in inverting the matrix is increased. For example, a  $12 \times 12$  random matrix was inverted, and it was found that only four to five significant figures could be expected, vice the seven decimal accuracy in the  $5 \times 5$  case.

One may circumvent the inaccuracies obtained when the input elements are range numbers, by the following device [4]. Suppose we wish to invert  $X$ , whose elements are range numbers. Take  $X_0$  to be the matrix of mid-points of the elements of  $X$ , so that  $X = X_0 + E$ . The elements of  $E$  are range numbers of the form  $[-e, e]$ . Obtain  $X_0^{-1}$  using range arithmetic, and let

$$E' = [I - X_0^{-1}E + (X_0^{-1}E)^2 - \dots] X_0^{-1} (-EX_0^{-1}).$$

If the elements of  $E$  are small compared to  $X_0^{-1}$ , then the series will converge, and one can write

$$X^{-1} = X_0 + E'.$$

The results of a typical run for an inversion of a randomly generated  $5 \times 5$  matrix are shown on the following page.

Element	Real Part	Lower	Upper
(1, 1)	4.6396189281E01	Same as Real	Same as Real
(1, 2)	8.6916184500E02		
(1, 3)	3.6039163981E02		
(1, 4)	5.8772778565E02		
(1, 5)	9.4693749440E02		
(2, 1)	5.5609401546E02		
(2, 2)	8.9089112203E02		
(2, 3)	4.0143081011E02		
(2, 4)	4.2098029158E02		
(2, 5)	6.1093177836E02		
(3, 1)	9.9636585643E02		
(3, 2)	1.6340010236E02		
(3, 3)	4.6658037215E02		
(3, 4)	5.0479887773E02		
(3, 5)	2.0507283101E02		
(4, 1)	2.7500284988E02		
(4, 2)	4.8510492363E02		
(4, 3)	2.4488146363E02		
(4, 4)	4.1884968178E02		
(4, 5)	1.9965179004E02		
(5, 1)	8.7792113349E02		
(5, 2)	2.3254672355E02		
(5, 3)	3.5002222285E00		
(5, 4)	3.2092384145E02		
(5, 5)	6.4308479314E02	↓	↓

X - MATRIX

TABLE 2

We will present the real part, and the least significant digits of the lower and upper range numbers of X - INVERSE. The exponents will not be repeated.

Element	Real Part		Lower	Upper
(1, 1)	-9.1422040	728E-04	854	607
(1, 2)	7.419425	7112E-04	6975	7249
(1, 3)	9.3418389	435E-05	070	864
(1, 4)	-5.779019	5190E-05	5709	4688
(1, 5)	6.2948717	498E-04	477	517
(2, 1)	-1.122627	041E-03	052	032
(2, 2)	1.6441862	954E-03	944	965
(2, 3)	-1.3201931	162E-03	165	159
(2, 4)	1.4714936	870E-03	865	875
(2, 5)	5.5237176	832E-05	720	995
(3, 1)	1.0620289	855E-03	838	873
(3, 2)	1.1383145	460E-03	437	478
(3, 3)	2.3018511	807E-03	800	812
(3, 4)	-3.6993050	965E-03	973	956
(3, 5)	-2.2307817	966E-03	966	962
(4, 1)	6.4802494	170E-04	040	338
(4, 2)	-3.0018154	973E-03	990	955
(4, 3)	-5.102677	3200E-05	3669	2679
(4, 4)	4.0549999	820E-03	811	825
(4, 5)	6.5487719	463E-04	433	477
(5, 1)	1.3248530	755E-03	742	766
(5, 2)	-1.1561055	861E-04	968	706
(5, 3)	3.6280024	837E-04	794	865
(5, 4)	-2.4566800	524E-03	531	520
(5, 5)	3.6100559	502E-04	481	523

X - INVERSE

FIGURE 3

## 6. Conclusions.

Range arithmetic is a powerful tool, not only for error estimation in computations of a scientific or engineering nature, but for the evaluation and comparison of alternative numerical algorithms as well. The QRANGE7 package provides the user with a simple means for such analysis. The drawback in the use of QRANGE7, at this point, is that computing time is increased. There are many points where the program could be increased in efficiency, notably in the Q1Q04770 and Q1Q05770 subroutines for range multiplication and range division. The author feels, however, that even with the increase in computing time, the payoff in the use of range arithmetic is so great that it more than outweighs the disadvantage.

A few function subprograms have been provided for use in conjunction with QRANGE7. They are used exactly as one would use the library subroutines in FORTRAN, except a "7" replaces the "F" at the end of the function name. One must remember to declare these functions TYPE RANGE7(3) before execution. Much work remains to be done in this area, and it is hoped that, eventually, a complete library of functions will be available for use with QRANGE7.

It might be noted, at this point, that there are errors generated in the conversion of decimal-to-binary and binary-to-decimal numbers during input/output, and these have not been taken into account. The author feels that these errors are negligible compared to the machine

generated error occurring during computation.

The results obtained using QRANGE7 indicated that the technique of range arithmetic can, indeed, be used to provide error information at each stage of computation. Unfortunately, the author did not have the time to try it out on some of the more common numerical algorithms, such as the Runge - Kutta method for solving differential equations, or the Newton - Raphson method for determining roots of  $n^{\text{th}}$  order polynomials. It is hoped that this will be done in the future.

In conclusion, it is felt that range arithmetic is of such value that it warrants inclusion in future modifications of FORTRAN or other algebraic compilers as a standard TYPE.

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## APPENDIX I

### QRANGE7 PROGRAM LISTING [ 5 ]

Entry Points:

Q1Q00770, Q1Q01770, Q1Q02770, Q1Q03770,  
Q1Q04770, Q1Q05770, Q1Q10770, Q1Q00710,  
Q1Q01710, Q1Q02710, Q1Q03710, Q1Q04710,  
Q1Q05710, Q1Q10710, Q1Q10170, Q1Q00700,  
Q1Q01700, Q1Q02700, Q1Q03700, Q1Q04700,  
Q1Q05700, Q1Q10700, Q1Q10070, UNPACK7,  
RNGAD7, RNGMU7, RNGDI7, QUIRKL7, QUIRKU7,  
REPACK7, ERROR777  
:

RNG75777	IDENT	BLOCK	COMMON	ACC(3),B
	4	4	3	3
A	Q	T	A•	Q•
	BSS	BSS	BSS	TEMP0
				BSS
				TEMP1
				BSS
				TEMP2
				BSS
				TEMP3
				BSS
				TEMP4
				BSS
				MTEMPU
				BSS
				DTEMPU
				BSS
				CA
				BSS
				CB
				BSS
				EA
				BSS
				EB
				BSS
				EL
				BSS
				EM1
				BSS
				EM2
				BSS
				FM1
				BSS
				FM2
				BSS
				BIT
				BSS
				S
				BSS
				C
				BSS
				AS
				BSS
				AS•
				BSS
				SA
				BSS
				AI
				BSS
				IA
				BSS
				AUX
				BSS
				AUX•
				BSS
				SAUX

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SAUX.    BSS      3
Q AUX     BSS      3
AF          ENTRY   1
                Q1Q00770
                SLJ      **
                LDA      *
                ALS      +24
                INA      -1
                SAU      **+1
                ENA      7
                SAU      **
                INA      +1
                SAU      A2
                INA      +1
                SAU      A3
                INA      +1
                SAU      **
                LDA      ACC+1
                STA      **
                LDA      ACC+2
                STA      **
                LDA      ACC
                STA      ACC
                SLJ      Q1Q00770
                ENTRY   Q1Q01770
                SLJ      **
                LDA      *
                ALS      +24
                INA      -1
                SAU      **+1
                ENA      7
                SAU      **
                INA      +1
                SAU      B2
                INA      +1
                SAU      B3
                LAC      **

```

THIS PROGRAM LOADS RANGE  
ACCUMULATOR. THE LOWER  
GOES TO ACC+1, THE UPPER TO  
ACC+2, AND THE REAL PART  
GOES TO ACC.

LOAD LOWER RANGE NUMBER  
LOWER TO ACC+1  
LOAD UPPER RANGE NUMBER  
UPPER TO ACC+2  
LOAD REAL PART  
REAL TO ACC

LOADS RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
WITH THE COMPLEMENT OF A  
RANGE NUMBER.  
NOTE, WHEN LOWER AND UPPER  
ARE COMPLEMENTED, THEIR ORDER  
IS REVERSED.

LOAD LOWER COMPLEMENT

```

    STA      ACC+2      STORE IN ACC+2 (NEW UPPER) 2Q0130
    LAC      ACC+1      LOAD UPPER COMPLEMENT 2Q0140
    STA      ACC+1      STORE IN ACC+1 (NEW LOWER) 2Q0150
    LAC      ACC+1      LOAD REAL COMPLEMENT 2Q0160
    STA      ACC       STORE IN ACC 2Q0170
    SLJ      Q1Q01770   ENTRY FOR RANGE (+) RANGE, 2Q0180
    Q1Q02770   SLJ      THAT IS A7(+)-B7. A7 IS IN 3Q0000
    LDA      *          RANGE ACCUMULATOR. 3Q0010
    LDA      +24       *          3Q0020
    ALS      -1         *          3Q0030
    INA      *+1       *          3Q0040
    SAU      **        *          3Q0050
    ENA      7          **        3Q0060
    SAL      C1         7          3Q0070
    INA      +1         C1         3Q0080
    SAU      C2         +1         3Q0090
    INA      +1         C2         3Q0100
    SAU      C3         +1         3Q0110
    LDA      ACC+1     LOADS ACC+1 (A7 LOWER) 3Q0120
    STA      B          STORES IN B 3Q0130
    LDA      *          LOADS B7 LOWER 3Q0140
    RTJ      UNPACK7   UNPACKS BOTH LOWER RANGE 3Q0150
    RTJ      RNGAD7   NUMBERS, ADDS THEM 3Q0160
    RTJ      QUIRKL7  TRUNCATES UNPACKED RESULT, AND 3Q0170
    RTJ      REPACK7   RENORMALIZES RESULT 3Q0180
    STA      ACC+1     REPACKS AND STORES IN ACC+1 3Q0190
    LDA      ACC+2     LOADS ACC+2 (A7 UPPER) 3Q0200
    STA      B          STORES IN B 3Q0210
    LDA      *          LOADS B7 UPPER 3Q0220
    RTJ      UNPACK7   UNPACKS A7 UPPER AND B7 UPPER 3Q0230
    RTJ      RNGAD7   ADDS THEM 3Q0240
    RTJ      QUIRKU7  ROUNDS AND RENORMALIZES RESULT 3Q0250
    RTJ      REPACK7   REPACKS RESULT AND 3Q0260
    STA      ACC+2     STORES IN ACC+2 3Q0270
    LDA      C1         LOADS A7 REAL 3Q0280

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+      7

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**          FAD          ADDS B7 REAL
ACC          STORES RESULT IN ACC
Q1Q02770
Q1Q03770
ENTRY
**          SLJ          ROUTINE FOR RANGE (-) RANGE,
I.E. A7(-)B7. A7 IN RANGE
**          LDA          ACCUMULATOR.
+24          ALS          +24
-1           INA          -1
**+1          SAU          **+1
7             ENA          7
D1            SAL          D1
+1           INA          +1
D2            SAU          D2
+1           INA          +1
D3            SAU          D3
ACC+2         LDA          ACC+2
B             STA          B
**          LAC          **
RTJ           RTJ          UNPACK7
RTJ           RTJ          RNGAD7
QUIRKU7      QUIRKU7    REPACK7
RTJ           RTJ          ACC+2
RTJ           RTJ          ACC+1
RTJ           RTJ          LDA
RTJ           RTJ          STA
RTJ           RTJ          B
**          LAC          **
RTJ           RTJ          UNPACK7
RTJ           RTJ          RNGAD7
QUIRKL7      QUIRKL7    REPACK7
RTJ           RTJ          ACC+1
RTJ           RTJ          ACC
RTJ           RTJ          STA
RTJ           RTJ          LDA
RTJ           RTJ          FSB
RTJ           RTJ          STA
SLJ          SLJ          SLJ
3Q0290
3Q0300
3Q0310
4Q00000
4Q00100
4Q00200
4Q00300
4Q00400
4Q00500
4Q00600
4Q00700
4Q00800
4Q00900
4Q01000
4Q01100
4Q01200
4Q01300
4Q01400
4Q01500
4Q01600
4Q01700
4Q01800
4Q01900
4Q02000
4Q02100
4Q02200
4Q02300
4Q02400
4Q02500
4Q02600
4Q02700
4Q02800
4Q02900
4Q03000
4Q03100

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ENTRY Q1Q04770 SLJ  
 \*\*  
 LDA ALS +24  
 INA -1  
 SAU \*+1  
 ENA 7 \*\*  
 SAL RE  
 INA +1  
 SAU E21  
 SAU E22  
 INA +1  
 SAU E31  
 SAU E32  
 LDA STA EM1  
 FMU ACC+1  
 STA A  
 LDA STA \*\*  
 FMU ACC+2  
 STA A+1  
 LDA STA EM2  
 FMU ACC+1  
 STA A+2  
 LDA STA \*\*  
 FMU ACC+2  
 STA A+3  
 LDA A  
 FSB A+1  
 AJP 2 ETST1  
 LDA A+1  
 FSB A+2  
 AJP 2 ETST3  
 LDA A+2

ROUTINE FOR RANGE (\*) RANGE,  
 I.E. A7\*B7. A7 IN RANGE ACC.  
 +

5Q0000  
 5Q0010  
 5Q002  
 5Q0030  
 5Q0040  
 5Q0050  
 5Q0060  
 5Q0070  
 5Q0080  
 5Q0090  
 5Q0100  
 5Q0110  
 5Q0120  
 5Q0130  
 5Q0140  
 5Q0150  
 5Q0160  
 5Q0170  
 5Q0180  
 5Q0190  
 5Q0200  
 5Q0210  
 5Q0220  
 5Q0230  
 5Q0240  
 5Q0250  
 5Q0260  
 5Q0270  
 5Q0280  
 5Q0290  
 5Q0300  
 5Q0310  
 5Q0320  
 5Q0330  
 5Q0340

CALCULATES ALL POSSIBLE PRODUCTS  
 USING REAL ARITHMETIC

A7 LOWER(\*)B7 LOWER. STORE IN A.  
 A7 UPPER(\*)B7 LOWER.  
 STORE IN A+1

A7 LOWER(\*)B7 UPPER  
 STORE IN A+2

A7 UPPER(\*)B7 UPPER  
 STORE IN A+3  
 THIS PORTION OF ROUTINE SEARCHES  
 FOR THE MAXIMUM OF THE FOUR  
 PRODUCTS

ETST1  
 A+1  
 ETST3  
 A+2

FSB	A+3	5Q0350
AJP	2	5Q0360
SLJ	RMAX3	5Q0370
LDA	RMAX4	5Q0380
ETST1	A	5Q0390
FSB	A+2	5Q0400
AJP	2	5Q0410
LDA	ETST2	5Q0420
FSB	A+2	5Q0430
AJP	2	5Q0440
SLJ	RMAX3	5Q0450
LDA	RMAX4	5Q0460
ETST2	A	5Q0470
FSB	A+3	5Q0480
AJP	2	5Q0490
SLJ	RMAX1	5Q0500
LDA	RMAX4	5Q0510
FSB	A+1	5Q0520
AJP	2	5Q0530
SLJ	A+3	5Q0540
LDA	RMAX2	5Q0550
ETST2	A+1	5Q0560
FSB	A+3	5Q0570
AJP	2	5Q058
SLJ	RMAX4	5Q0590
LDA	ACC+1	5Q060
MAX1	B	5Q0610
SLJ	EM1	5Q062
LDA	ACC+2	5Q0630
STA	M	5Q064
SLJ	ACC+1	5Q0650
LDA	B	5Q066
STA	EM1	5Q0670
SLJ	EM2	5Q068
LDA	ACC+2	5Q0690
MAX3	B	5Q070
SLJ	M	UNPACK7
LDA	ACC+2	RECALCULATE
STA	B	MAX PRODUCT USING
LDA	EM2	
SLJ	M	
M	RTJ	

RANGE ARITHMETIC	
RNGMU7	STORE IN MTEMPU
QUIRKU7	FIND MIN PRODUCT
REPACK7	
MTEMPU	
A	
A+1	
EMST1	
3	
LDA	A+1
FSB	A+2
AJP	EMST3
LDA	A+2
FSB	A+3
AJP	3 RMIN3
LDA	RMIN4
SLJ	A
LDA	A+2
FSB	A+2
AJP	EMST2
LDA	A+2
FSB	A+3
AJP	3 RMIN3
SLJ	RMIN4
LDA	A
FSB	A+3
AJP	3 RMIN1
SLJ	RMIN4
LDA	A+1
FSB	A+3
AJP	3 RMIN2
SLJ	RMIN4
LDA	ACC+1
STA	MIN IN A.
LDA	B
SLJ	EM1
LDA	NM
RMIN1	ACC+2

STA	LDA	EM1	
	LDA	NM	
	SLJ	ACC+1	
RMIN3	LDA	B	
	STA		
	LDA	EM2	
	SLJ	NM	
	LDA	ACC+2	
	STA		
	LDA	EM2	
	RTJ	UNPACK7	
	RTJ	RNGMU7	
	+	QUIRK7	
	+	REPACK7	
	RTJ	ACC+1	
	STA	MTEMU	
	LDA	ACC+2	
	STA	ACC	
	LDA	FMU	
		**	
	STA	ACC	
	SLJ	Q1Q04770	
	ENTRY	Q1Q05770	
Q1Q05770	SLJ	***	
	LDA	+24	
	ALS	-1	
	INA	*	
	SAU	+1	
	ENA	**	
	SAL	FPACKUP	
	SAL	FERROR+1	
	INA	+1	
	SAU	FTESTLO	
	SAU	FOKAY	
	SAL	F21	
	SAL	F22	

INA	FTESTHI	6Q0140
SAU	FSTORE	6Q0150
SAU	F31	6Q0160
SAL	F32	6Q0170
FTESTLO	LDA	6Q0190
AJP	** FOKAY	6Q0200
LDA	2 ** FOKAY	6Q0210
AJP	3 FOKAY	6Q0220
RTJ	ERROR777	6Q0230
O	Q100577C	6Q0240
O	**	6Q0250
FOKAY	BCD	6Q0260
F1	LDA	6Q0270
STA	FM1	6Q0280
LDA	ACC+1	6Q0290
FDV	**	6Q0300
STA	A	6Q0310
LDA	ACC+2	6Q0320
FDV	**	6Q0330
STA	A7 LOWER(/)B7 LOWER IN A	6Q0340
LDA	A7 UPPER(/)B7 LOWER IN A+1	6Q0350
FDV	**	6Q0360
STA	FM2	6Q0370
LDA	ACC+1	6Q0380
FDV	**	6Q0390
STA	A+2	6Q0400
LDA	ACC+2	6Q0410
FDV	**	6Q0420
STA	A+3	6Q0430
LDA	A	6Q0440
FSB	A+1	6Q0450
AJP	2 FTST1	6Q0460
LDA	A+1	6Q0470
FSB	A+2	6Q0480
AJP	2 FTST1	



	UN-NORMALIZED RANGE ARITHMETIC	STORE QUOTIENT UPPER IN DTEMPU SEARCH FOR MIN QUOTIENT	
RNJ	RNGDI7	6Q0850	
RNJ	QUIRKU7	6Q0860	
RNJ	REPACK7	6Q0870	
STA	DTEMPU	6Q0890	
LDA	A	6Q0900	
FSB	A+1	6Q0910	
AJP	3 MFTST1	6Q0920	
LDA	A+1	6Q0930	
FSB	A+2	6Q0940	
AJP	3 MFTST3	6Q0950	
LDA	A+2	6Q0960	
FSB	A+3	6Q0970	
AJP	3 FMIN3	6Q0980	
SLJ	FMIN4	6Q0990	
LDA	A	6Q1000	
FSB	A+2	6Q1010	
AJP	3 MFTST2	6Q1020	
LDA	A+2	6Q1030	
FSB	A+3	6Q1040	
AJP	3 FMIN3	6Q1050	
SLJ	FMIN4	6Q1060	
LDA	A	6Q1070	
FSB	A+3	6Q1080	
AJP	3 FMIN1	6Q1090	
SLJ	FMIN4	6Q1100	
LDA	A+1	6Q1110	
FSB	A+3	6Q1120	
AJP	3 FMIN2	6Q1130	
SLJ	FMIN4	6Q1140	
LDA	FM1	6Q1150	
STA	B	6Q116	
LDA	ACC+1	6Q1170	
SLJ	MINR	6Q1180	
LDA	FM1	6Q1190	
FMIN1	MIN IN A		
FMIN2	MIN IN A+1		

B	STA	ACC+2	6Q120
	LDA	MINR	6Q1220
	SLJ	FM2	6Q1230
	LDA	B	6Q124
	STA	ACC+1	6Q1250
	LDA	MINR	6Q1260
	SLJ	FM2	6Q1270
FMIN3	LDA	B	6Q128
	STA	ACC+2	6Q1290
	LDA	UNPACK7	6Q1310
	RTJ	RNGDI7	6Q1320
	RTJ	QUIRK7	6Q1330
	RTJ	REPACK7	6Q1340
	STA	ACC+1	6Q1360
	LDA	DTEMPU	6Q1361
	STA	ACC+2	6Q1362
	LDA	ACC	6Q1370
	FDV	**	6Q1380
FMIN4	STA	ACC	6Q1390
	SLJ	Q1Q05770	6Q1400
	ENTRY	ERROR777	1E0000
	OCT	O	1E0010
	•••ADD••	15	1E0020
	FORMAT•	**	1E0030
	ERROR777	*	1E004
FBACKUP	SLJ	Q1Q05770	1E0050
	LDA	OCT	1E006
	ALS	15	1E0070
	SAU	**	1E0080
	INA	*	1E0090
	SAL	+24	1E0100
	INA	H	1E0110
	SAL	H	1E0120
	LDA	H2+1	1E0130
	SAL	H2+4	
	ALS	+24	



```

+1
INA
SAL
LDA ACC+1
** STORE RANGE LOWER (ACC+1)
G2 STA
LDA ACC+2
** STORE RANGE UPPER (ACC+2)
G3 STA
LDA ACC
** STORE REAL PART (ACC)
G1 STA
SLJ Q1Q010770
    ENTRY TO LOAD REAL INTO
    Q1Q000710
    ** RANGE ACCUMULATOR
    *
    Q1Q000710
    LDA +24
    ALS -1
    INA *+1
    SAU **
    ENA 7
    +
    SAU AA1
    SAU AA2
    SAU AA3
    LDA **
    STA ACC+1
    ENA 0
    STA B
    LDA **
    RTJ UNPACK7
    RTJ RNGAD7
    RTJ QUIRK7
    RTJ REPACK7
    STA ACC+2
    LDA **
    STA ACC
    SLJ Q1Q000710
    ENTRY
    Q1Q01710 SLJ Q1Q01710
    LDA *

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+
   
 RTJ            Q1Q01710            LOAD REAL COMPLEMENT INTO  
 O                \*\*  
 RTJ            Q1Q02770            RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
 O                ADD THE TWO RANGE NUMBERS  
 A•              RESULT IS IN RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
 SLJ             Q1Q03710  
 ENTRY           Q1Q04710            ROUTINE FOR RANGE( \*)REAL  
 Q1Q04710       SLJ                \*\*  
 LDA             \*+24  
 ALS             -1  
 INA             \*+1  
 SAU             7                \*\*  
 ENA             7                \*\*+2  
 SAL             RTJ               STORE RANGE ACCUMULATOR INTO  
 O                AS•  
 RTJ             Q1Q10770            AS.  
 O                Q1Q00710            LOAD REAL INTO RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
 RTJ             \*\*  
 Q1Q04770       AS•  
 Q1Q00710       Q1Q0110            MULTIPLY RANGE NUMBERS  
 RTJ             Q1Q05710            RESULT IN RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
 O                Q1Q0120  
 SLJ             Q1Q0130  
 ENTRY           Q1Q05710            ROUTINE FOR RANGE( / )REAL  
 Q1Q05710       SLJ                \*\*  
 LDA             \*+24  
 ALS             -1  
 INA             \*+1  
 SAU             7                \*\*+2  
 ENA             RTJ               STORE RANGE ACCUMULATOR INTO  
 O                Q•  
 RTJ             Q1Q00710            LOAD REAL INTO RANGE  
 O                ACCUMULATOR  
 RTJ             Q1Q10770            STORE RANGE ACCUMULATOR INTO  
 O                SA  
 RTJ             Q1Q00770            LOAD RANGE ACCUMULATOR FROM  
 O                Q•

RTJ Q1Q005770 RANGE DIVIDE BY RANGE NUMBER  
 0 SA IN SA  
 SLJ Q1Q05710 RESULT IN RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
 ENTRY Q1Q10710 \*\*  
 SLJ \* STORE RANGE INTO REAL  
 LDA +24 13Q0160  
 ALS -1 13Q0170  
 INA \*\*+1 13Q0180  
 SAU 7 LOAD ACC(REAL PART OF RANGE NO.)  
 ENA \*+1 14Q00040  
 SAL ACC 14Q00050  
 LDA STA 14Q00060  
 Q1Q10710 STORE ACC 14Q00070  
 Q1Q10170 \*\* 14Q00080  
 STA ACC 14Q00090  
 SLJ ACC+1 14Q0100  
 Q1Q10170 STORE ACC 15Q00000  
 STA ACC+1 15Q0010  
 ENA + STORE REAL INTO ACC 15Q0020  
 STA B PUT ZERO IN A-REGISTER 15800030  
 LDA ACC STORE IN B 15800040  
 RTJ UN-NORMALIZED ADD ZERO TO 15800050  
 RTJ RNGAD7 ACC, CONSIDERING IT TO BE 15800060  
 RTJ QUIRK7 ADDITION OF UPPER RANGE 15800070  
 RTJ REPACK7 NUMBERS 15800080  
 STA ACC+2 STORE IN ACC+2 15800090  
 LDA Q1Q10170 15Q0100  
 ALS +24 1580110  
 INA -1 15Q0120  
 SAU \*\*+1 15Q0130  
 ENA 7 STORE RANGE ACCUMULATOR 15Q0140  
 SAL RTJ \*+1 15Q0150  
 RTJ Q1Q10770 \*\* 15Q0160  
 0 SLJ Q1Q10170 15Q0170  
 ENTRY Q1Q00700 15Q0180  
 15Q0190 15Q0200  
 16Q0000



SLJ ENTRY Q1Q02700  
 SLJ ENTRY Q1Q03700  
 \*\*  
 \* +24  
 LDA ALS  
 INA -1  
 SAU \*\*+1  
 ENA 7 \*\*  
 SAL RTJ  
 O RTJ  
 O RTJ  
 O RTJ  
 SLJ ENTRY Q1Q04700  
 SLJ ENTRY Q1Q04700  
 \*\*  
 \* +24  
 LDA ALS  
 INA -1  
 SAU \*\*+1  
 ENA 7 \*\*  
 SAL RTJ  
 O RTJ  
 O RTJ  
 O RTJ  
 SLJ ENTRY Q1Q05700  
 SLJ ENTRY Q1Q05700  
 \*\*  
 \* +24

ROUTINE FOR RANGE (-) INTEGER  
 STORE RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
 IN AUX.  
 LOAD INTEGER COMPLEMENT TO  
 RANGE  
 ADD RANGE NUMBERS  
 ROUTINE FOR RANGE (\*) INTEGER  
 STORE RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
 IN SAUX  
 LOAD INTEGER TO RANGE  
 MULTIPLY RANGE NUMBERS  
 ROUTINE FOR RANGE (/) INTEGER

18Q0140  
 19Q0000  
 19Q0010  
 19Q002  
 19Q0030  
 19Q0040  
 19Q0050  
 19Q0060  
 19Q0070  
 19Q0080  
 19Q0090  
 19Q0100  
 19Q0110  
 19Q0120  
 19Q0130  
 19Q0140  
 20Q0000  
 20Q0010  
 20Q002  
 20Q0030  
 20Q0040  
 20Q0050  
 20Q0060  
 20Q0070  
 20Q0080  
 20Q0090  
 20Q0100  
 20Q0110  
 20Q0120  
 20Q0130  
 20Q0140  
 21Q0020  
 21Q0010  
 21Q002  
 21Q0030

```

INA          -1
SAU          *+1
ENA          7
SAL          **+2
RTJ          Q1Q10770
O            QAUX
RTJ          Q1Q00700
O            **
RTJ          Q1Q10770
O            SAUX•
RTJ          Q1Q00770
O            QAUX
RTJ          Q1Q05770
O            SAUX•
SLJ          Q1Q05700
ENTRY        Q1Q10700
Q1Q10700    **
SLJ          LDA
ALS          +24
INA          -1
SAU          *+1
ENA          7
SAU          **+2
LDA          ACC
CALL         XINTF
STA          ***
SLJ          Q1Q10700
ENTRY        Q1Q10070
Q1Q10070    **
SLJ          CALL
STA          AF
LDA          *-1
ALS          +24
INA          -1
SAU          *+1

```

STORE RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
IN QAUX  
LOAD INTEGER TO RANGE

STORE RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
IN SAUX•  
LOAD RANGE ACCUMULATOR  
FROM QAUX  
DIVIDE RANGE BY RANGE NUMBER  
IN SAUX•

STORE RANGE INTO INTEGER

LOAD ACC (REAL PART)  
CONVERT TO INTEGER  
STORE INTEGER

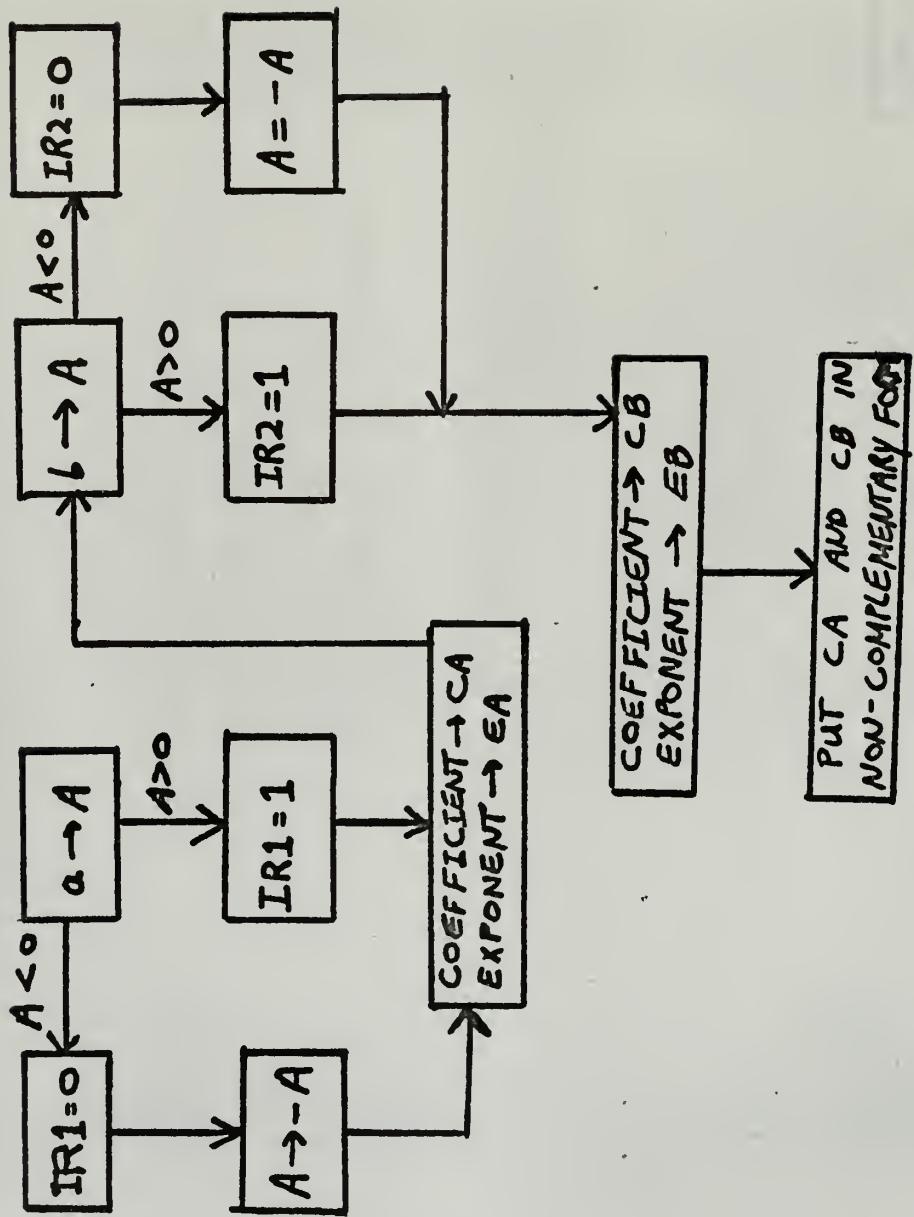
STORE INTEGER INTO RANGE  
CONVERT INTEGER TO REAL  
STORE IN AF

23Q0080  
23Q0090  
23Q0100  
23Q0110  
23Q0120  
23Q0130

\*\* 7 \*\*+2  
EN A  
AF  
LDA Q1Q10170  
RTJ  
\*\*  
Q1Q10070  
SLJ

EN A  
SAL  
LDA  
RTJ  
O  
SLJ

+ + +



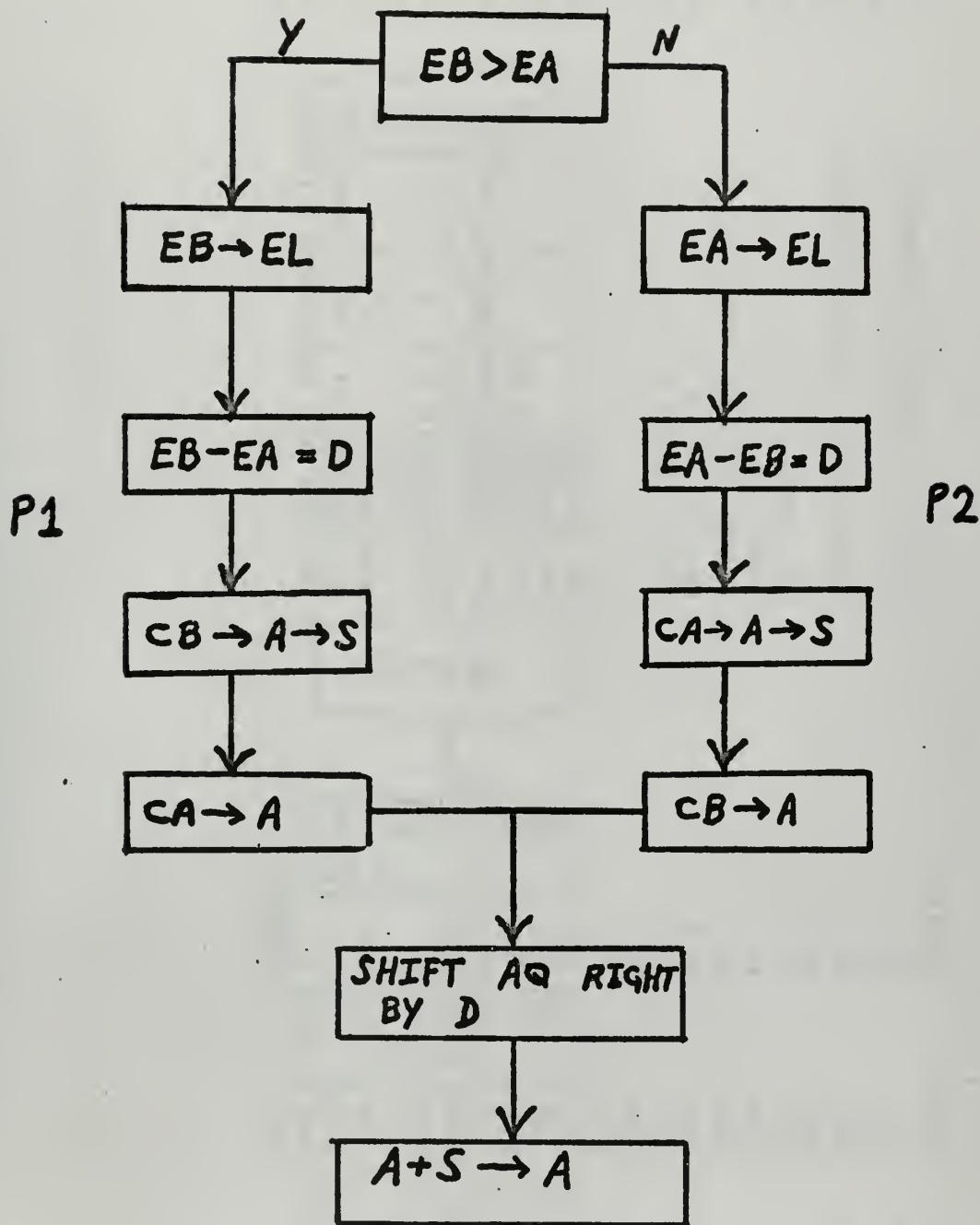
FLOW CHART FOR UNPACK 7

UNPACK7		UNPACKS TWO FLOATING POINT NUMBERS, A AND B	
ENTRY	SLJ	1	T22
	SIU	2	T22
	SIL		TEMP0
	STA		TEMP0
	LDO	M	T3
	QJP	1	T4
	ENI	1	TEMP0
	SLJ		
	LQC	1	
	ENI	0	
	LDL		=0777777777777777
	STA		CA
	LDO		=02000000000000000000
	STA		S
	LDL		=03777700000000000000
	ARS	36	
	LDO		S
	QJP		T9
	SUB		=020000
	STA		EA
	SLJ		T10
	SUB		=017777
	STA		EA
	LDO		M T12
	QJP		B
	ENI	2	T13
	SLJ		
	LQC		
	ENI	2	B
	LDL		=0777777777777777
	STA		CB
	LDL		=02000000000000000000
	STA		S
	LDL		=03777777777777777777
	ARS		36
UNPACK7	**		
	T4		EXPOENT OF A IN EA
	T9		EXPOENT OF A IN EA
	T10		UNPACK B
	T11		
	T12		
	T13		

LDQ	T18	
QJP	=020000	
SUB	EB	
STA	T19	
SLJ	=01777	
SUB	EB	
STA	1	
ENA	0	
STA	TEMPO	
+		
ENA	2	
ADD	TEMPO	
AJP	0	
SUB	T20	
AJP	=02	
AJP	0	
ENA	T22	
ENA	1	
AJP	0	
AJP	T21	
LQC	CB	
STQ	CB	
SLJ	T22	
LQC	CB	
STQ	CB	
SLJ	CA	
LQC	CA	
STQ	CA	
T20	1	**
T21	2	**
T22		
T23	UNPACK7	

EXponent OF B IN EB  
 PUT UNPACKED NUMBERS IN  
 NON-COMPLEMENTARY FORM

1UN034	IUN0350
1UN0360	IUN0370
1UN0370	IUN0380
1UN0380	IUN0390
1UN0390	IUN0400
1UN0400	IUN0410
1UN0410	IUN0420
1UN0420	IUN043
IUN043	IUN0440
IUN0440	IUN0450
IUN0450	IUN0460
IUN0460	IUN0470
IUN0470	IUN048
IUN048	IUN0490
IUN0490	IUN0520
IUN0520	IUN0530
IUN0530	IUN0540
IUN0540	IUN0570
IUN0570	IUN0580
IUN0580	IUN0610
IUN0610	IUN0620
IUN0620	IUN0630
IUN0630	IUN0631
IUN0631	IUN0632



FLOW CHART FOR RNGAD7

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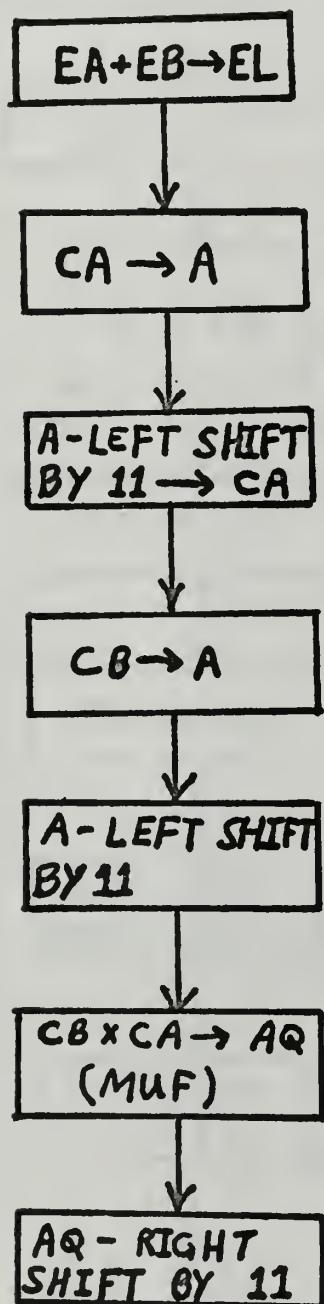
RNGAD7      ENTRY
            SLJ      ADDS TWO UNPACKED NUMBERS
            LDA      SEARCH FOR LARGER EXPONENT
            THS
            SLJ      P1
            LDA      EB LARGER
            STA      STORE EB IN EL
            SUB      STORE EXPONENT DIFFERENCE
            EA      IN A12 UPPER
            A12      STORE CB IN S
            CB
            LDA      S
            STA      CA
            LDA      A12
            SLJ      EA LARGER
            LDA      STORE EA IN EL
            STA      EXP DIFFERENCE IN A12 UPPER
            SUB      P2
            EA      STORE CA IN S
            EB
            A12      LOAD CB
            SAU      SHIFT A-RIGHT THE DIFFERENCE
            LDA      IN EXP, AND ADD COEFFICIENTS
            STA      SLJ
            S
            STA      RINGAD7
            LDA      A12
            LRS      **
            ADD      S
            SLJ

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            **      RNGAD7
            EA      ADDS TWO UNPACKED NUMBERS
            EB      SEARCH FOR LARGER EXPONENT
            P2
            EB      P1
            EL      EB LARGER
            EA      STORE EB IN EL
            A12      STORE EXPONENT DIFFERENCE
            CB      IN A12 UPPER
            S      STORE CB IN S
            LDA      1A010
            STA      1A0050
            SUB      1A0060
            EA      1A0070
            A12      1A0080
            CB      1A0090
            S      1A010
            CA      1A0110
            A12      1A0120
            EA      1A0130
            EL      1A0140
            EB      1A0150
            A12      1A0160
            CA      1A0170
            S      1A018
            CB      1A0190
            LRS      1A0200
            ADD      1A0210
            SLJ      1A0220

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FLOW CHART FOR RNGMU 7

RNGMU7

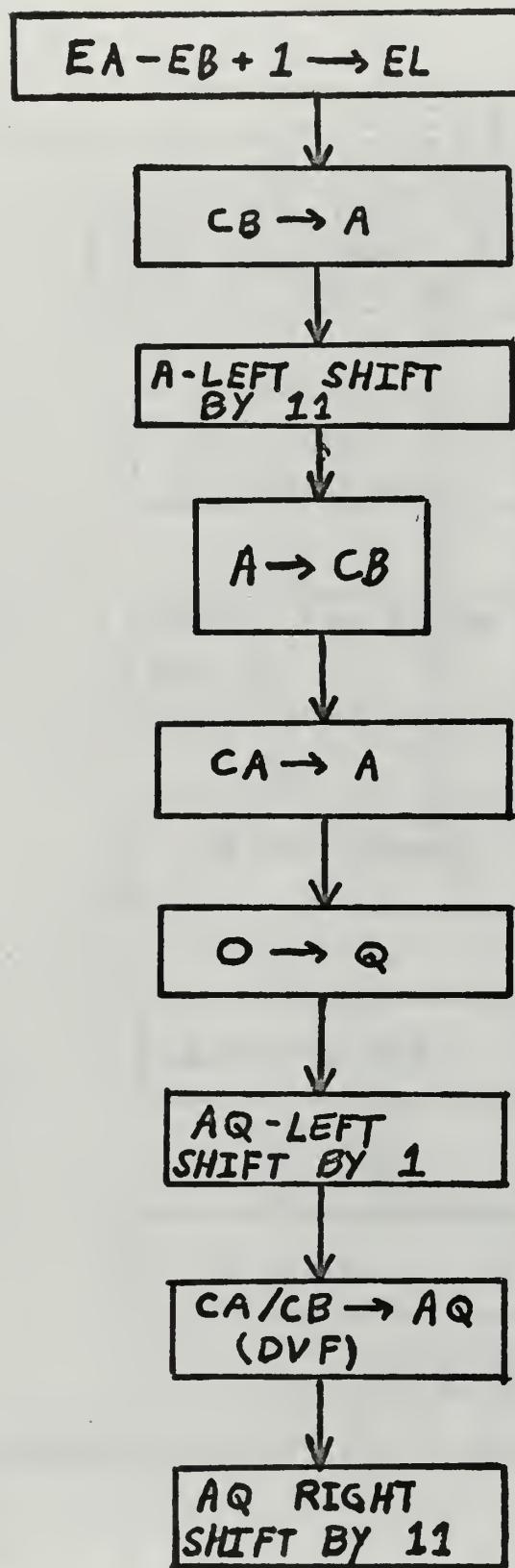
ENTRY  
SLJ            \*  
LDA            EA  
ADD            EB  
STA            EL  
LDA            CA  
ALS            11  
STA            CA  
LDA            CB  
ALS            11  
MUF            CA  
LRS            11  
SLJ

RNGMU7

UN-NORMALIZED MULTIPLY  
SLJ            EA  
LDA            EB  
ADD            EL  
STA            CA  
LDA            11  
ALS            CA  
STA            CB  
LDA            11  
ALS            CA  
MUF            11  
LRS            11  
SLJ

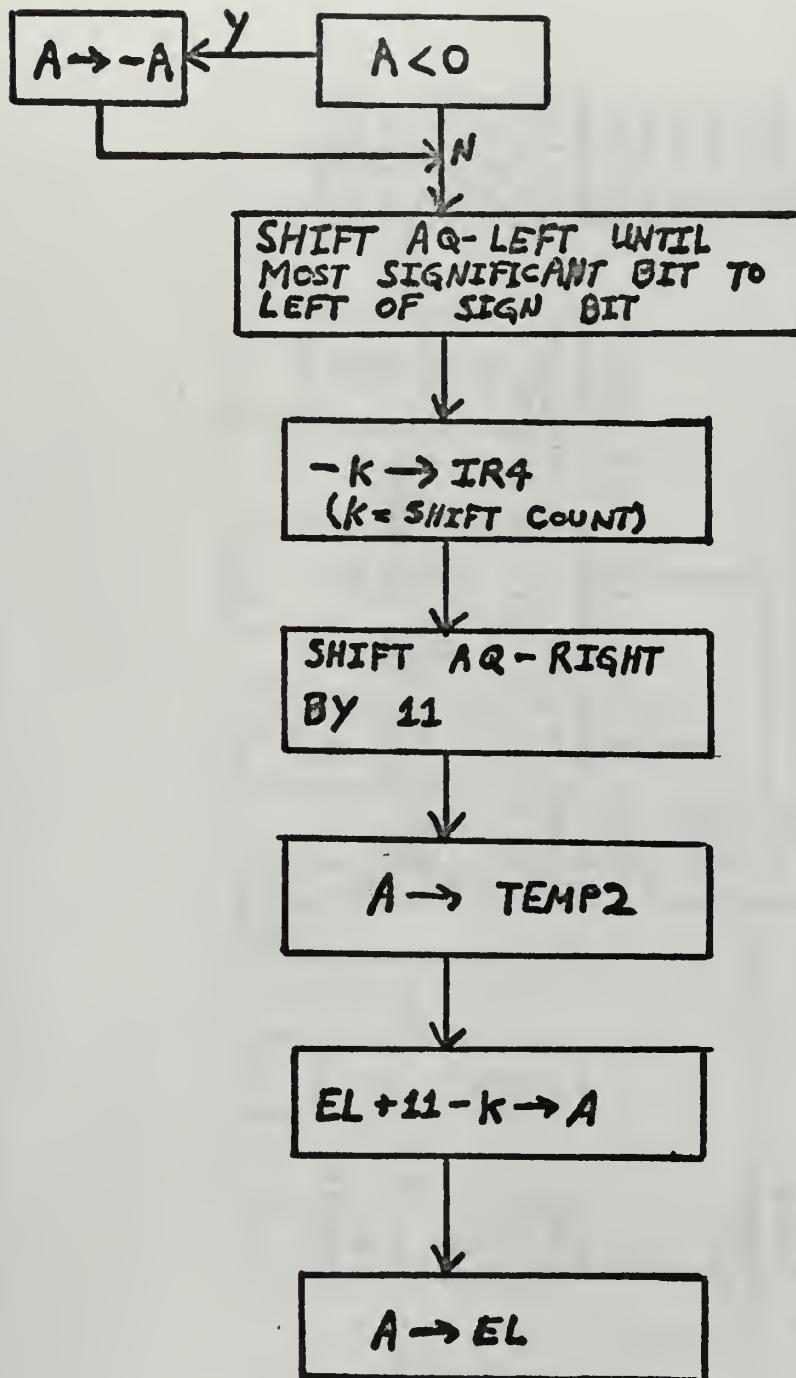
SUM OF EXPONENTS IN EL  
SHIFT CA LEFT 11  
SHIFT CB LEFT 11  
MULTIPLY COEF FRACTIONALLY  
SHIFT A-RIGHT 11

1M00000  
1M00010  
1M00020  
1M00030  
1M00040  
1M00050  
1M00060  
1M00070  
1M00080  
1M00090  
1M0100  
1M0110  
1M0120



FLOW CHART FOR RNGDI 7

RNGDI7	ENTRY	
	SLJ	**
	LDA	EA
	SUB	EB
	INA	+1
	STA	EL
	LDA	CB
	ALS	J1
	STA	CB
	LDA	CA
	ENQ	0
	LLS	1
	DVF	CB
	LRS	11
	SLJ	RNGDI7
		UN-NORMALIZED DIVISION
		1D0000
		1D0010
		1D0020
		1D0030
		1D0035
		1D0040
		1D0050
		1D0060
		1D0070
		1D0080
		1D009
		1D010
		1D0110
		1D0120
		1D0130
		DIFFERENCE OF EXP +1 IN EL
		SHIFT CA AND CB EACH RIGHT BY 11
		DIVIDE FRACTIONAL CA BY CB



FLOW CHART FOR QUIRK 7

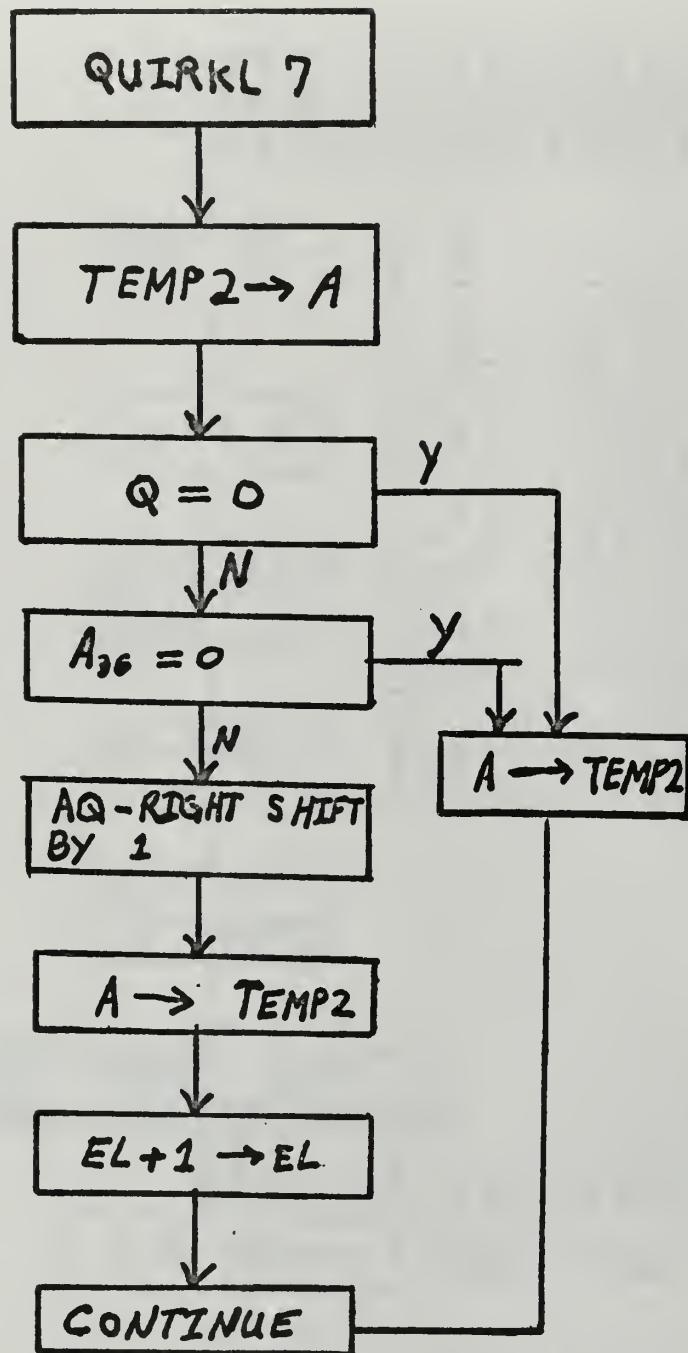
ENTRY QUIRKL7  
 SLJ      \*\*  
 SIU      4    QL3  
 SIU      5    R7  
 AJP      2    QL1  
 ENI      5    0  
 STA  
 LAC  
 SLJ      QL2  
 ENI      5    1  
 ENI      4    47  
 SCQ      4    47  
 LRS      11  
 STA  
 INI      4    -47  
 ENA      4    0  
 INA      11  
 ADD  
 STA  
 ENI      4    \*\*  
 SLJ

ROUTINE TO TRUNCATE AND  
 NORMALIZE LOWER RANGE NUMBER  
 IF A-REGISTER IS NEGATIVE,  
 COMPLEMENT ACCUMULATOR.

1QL0000      1QL0010  
 1QL0001      1QL0002  
 1QL0020      1QL0030  
 1QL0040      1QL0050  
 1QL0060      1QL0070  
 1QL0080      1QL0090  
 1QL0100      1QL0105  
 1QL0110      1QL0112  
 1QL0130      1QL0140  
 1QL0150      1QL0160  
 1QL0170

SHIFT AQ-REGISTER LEFT UNTIL  
 MOST SIGNIFICANT BIT IS TO  
 RIGHT OF SIGN BIT. THEN SHIFT  
 AQ RIGHT BY 11, AND STORE.  
 ADJUST EL DUE TO SHIFT, THAT  
 IS, NORMALIZE EXPONENT

QUIRKL7  
 QL3



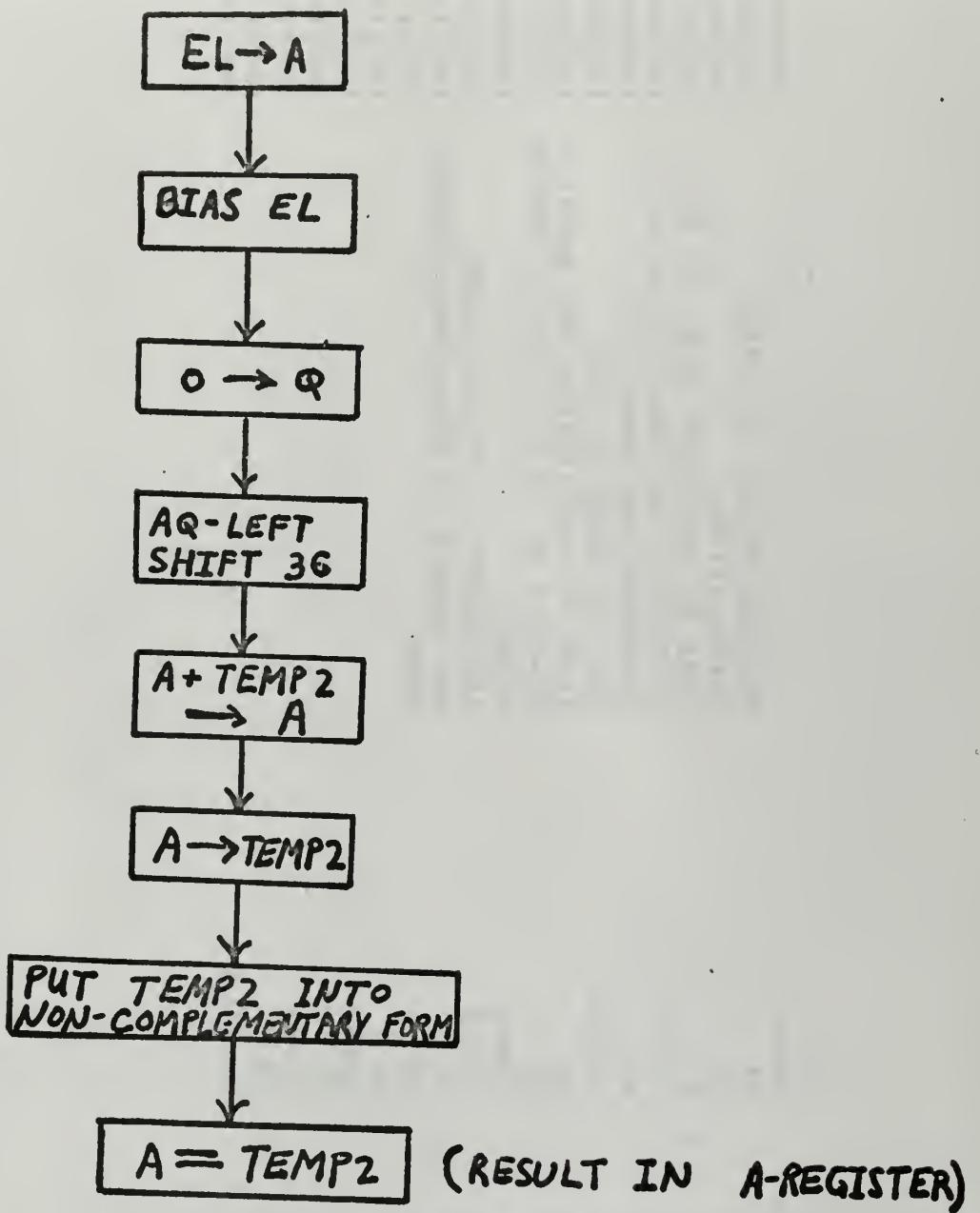
FLOW CHART FOR QUIRKU 7

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QUIRKU7          ROUTINE TO ROUND AND NORMALIZE
                UPPER RANGE NUMBER.
                CALL ROUTINE FOR NORMALIZING
                LOWER RANGE NUMBERS, AND LOAD
                A-REG. WITH COEF. IF Q-REG IS
                ZERO, GO TO QUI1. IF NOT, ADD 1
                TO COEF.
                IF OVERFLOW INTO 37TH BIT,
                SHIFT AQ RIGHT BY ONE, AND STORE,
                THEN INCREASE EL BY ONE.
                OTHERWISE, STORE A-REQ IN TEMP2.

ENTRY           QUIRKU7
SLJ             QUIRKL7
RTJ             TEMP2
+               QJP      0
LDA             QJP      =01
ADD             LQD      =0100000000000000
LDQ             STL      BIT
STL             LDQ      BIT
LDQ             QJP      0
QJP             LRS      1
LRS             STA      TEMP2
STA             LDA      EL
LDA             ADD      1
ADD             STA      EL
STA             SLJ      QU2
SLJ             STA      TEMP2
STA             SLJ      QUIKU7
SLJ             QUIKU7
QU1             QU2
QU2             QUIKU7

```



FLOW CHART FOR REPACK 7

```

ENTRY      REPACK7
          * *
          SLJ      LDA      EL
          AJP      2       R1
          ADD      =01777   R2
          SLJ      =02000
          ADD      +0
          ENQ      LLS      36
          ADD      TEMP2    TEMP2
          STA      ENA      0
          ENA      AJP      R3
          AJP      0       R4
          SLJ      LAC      TEMP2
          LAC      SLJ      R7
          R7      LDA      TEMP2
          ENI      5       ***
          SLJ      REPACK7
          END

```

REPACKS RESULT OF RANGE  
 CALCULATION.  
 LOAD EL AND JUMP TO R1 IF POS.  
 OTHERWISE ADD NEGATIVE BIAS TO  
 EXPONENT AND JUMP TO R2  
 ADD POS BIAS TO EXP.  
 ZERO IN Q-REGISTER, AND SHIFT  
 AQ-LEFT 36 TO PUT EXP IN PROPER  
 PLACE.  
 ADD COEFFICIENT, AND STORE  
 PUT NUMBER IN NON-COMPLEMENTARY  
 FORM

```

1RE00000
1RE00100
1RE00200
1RE00300
1RE00400
1RE00500
1RE00600
1RE00700
1RE00800
1RE00900
1RE01000
1RE01100
1RE01200
1RE01300
1RE01400
1RE01500
1RE01600
1RE01700
1RE01800

```

## APPENDIX II

### SUBROUTINES FOR USE WITH QRANGE7 [5]

1. ABS7
2. SQRT7
3. INT7
4. Q0Q06700
5. Q2Q07770

```

IDENT ABS7 ABS7
ENTRY ABS7 4
BLOCK COMMON ACC(3)::B
RNG7S777

```

ROUTINE FOR ABSOLUTE VALUE  
OF A WHERE A IS A RANGE  
NUMBER

```

IDENT          SQRT7
ENTRY          SQRT7
RNG7S777      BLOCK
COMMON         ACC(3),B
TACC           BSS
SQRT7          **+
SLJ            LDA
*              ALS
+              +24
SAU            SAL
**             *+2
INA            LDA
*              ALS
+              +24
SAL            SAL
**             *+1
SQRTER         SQRTER
CALL           Q1Q00770
0              **
0              CALL
SIU            Q1Q10770
LDA            TACC
CALL           TACC+1
0              EXIT
LDA            TACC
SIU            M
AJP            SQRTER
LDA            TACC
AJP            Z
LRS            GO
LRS            36
THS            EXPONCHK
INA            1777B
LRS            1
SAU            ADJUSTEX+1
ENA            1
LRS            B
ENA            1
LRS            11
STQ            ERAS
LDA            A
FAD            ERAS
STA            ERAS1

```



```

STA          ERAS+2
CALL        Q1Q00770
0           A
CALL        Q1Q02770
0           ERAS
CALL        Q1Q10770
0           ERAS1
CALL        Q1Q00770
C           C
CALL        Q1Q05770
0           ERAS1
CALL        Q1Q02770
0           A
CALL        Q1Q10770
0           ERAS1
CALL        Q1Q00770
0           ERAS
CALL        Q1Q05770
0           ERAS1
CALL        Q1Q02770
0           ERAS1
CALL        ACC
LDA         DIV2
SUB         STA
LDA         ACC+1
SUB         DIV2
STA         ERAS1+1
LDA         ACC+2
SUB         DIV2
STA         ERAS1+2
CALL        Q1Q00770
0           ERAS
CALL        Q1Q05770
0           ERAS1
CALL        Q1Q02770
0           ERAS1
SQRT0700
SQRT0710
SQRT0720
SQRT0730
SQRT0740
SQRT0750
SQRT0760
SQRT0770
SQRT0780
SQRT0790
SQRT0800
SQRT0810
SQRT0820
SQRT0830
SQRT0840
SQRT0850
SQRT0860
SQRT0870
SQRT0880
SQRT0890
SQRT0900
SQRT0910
SQRT0920
SQRT0930
SQRT0940
SQRT0950
SQRT0960
SQRT0970
SQRT0980
SQRT0990
SQRT1000
SQRT1005
SQRT1010
SQRT1020
SQRT1030
SQRT1040

```

+ +

+

```

LDA    1 ACC+1
LRS    36
RTJ    ADJUSTEX
STA    1 TACC+1
IJP    1 LOOP
CALL   Q1Q000770
          TACC
O      ENI   1 ***
SLJ   SLJ   ***
INA   INA   -4000B
INA   AJP   2 NORM
INA   AJP   1777B
LLS   LLS   36
SLJ   SLJ   ADJUSTEX
INA   INA   1
INA   SLJ   ADJUSTEX+2
SLJ   CALL  ERROR777
SQRTERR 0 SQRT7
+     0 ***
          1 SQRT7
          EXIT
BCD   SLJ   3
BSS   BSS   SQRT1260
SQRTERR 0 OCT  SQRT1270
+     + ERAS  BSS   SQRT1280
          DIV2  OCT  SQRT1290
          EXPONCHK OCT  SQRT1300
          A     OCT  SQRT1310
          OCT  OCT  SQRT1320
          OCT  OCT  SQRT1330
          OCT  OCT  SQRT1340
          OCT  OCT  SQRT1350
          OCT  OCT  SQRT1360
          OCT  OCT  SQRT1370
          END  OCT  SQRT1380

```



RN67S777 IDENT Q0Q06700  
BLOCK 4  
COMMON ACC(3),B  
BSS 4  
Q ENTRY Q0Q06700  
Q7Q06700 SLJ \*\*  
LDA ACC+2  
STA Q+3  
LAC ACC+1  
STA ACC+2  
LAC Q+3  
STA ACC+1  
LAC ACC  
STA ACC  
SLJ Q0Q06700  
END

COMPLEMENT RANGE ACCUMULATOR

Q3000010  
Q3000020  
Q3000030  
Q3000040  
Q3000050  
Q3000060  
Q3000070  
Q3000080  
Q3000090  
Q3000100  
Q3000110



```

PROC
+
    STQ      I SAVE
    QJP      P   *+1
    LQC      I SAVE
    STQ      I
    CALL    Q1Q10770
    O       XTO2N
    LDA      I
    LRS      +1
    STA      I
    CALL    Q1Q00770
    O       ONE
    QJP      P   *+2
    CALL    Q1Q00770
    O       XTO2N
    ENI      1   0
    CALL    Q1010770
    O       X
    LOOPB   LDA      I
    AJP      Z   OUT
    LRS      +1
    QJP      M   LOOPC
    INI      1   +1
    SLJ      LOOPB1
    STA      2
    CALL    Q1Q00770
    O       XTO2N
    LOOPB1  CALL    Q1Q04770
    O       XTO2N
    CALL    Q1Q10770
    O       XTO2N
    IJP      1   LOOPC1
    CALL    Q1Q04770
    O       X
    CALL    Q1Q10770
    O       X
    SLJ      LOOPB

```

OUT           SSK           ISAVE  
              SLJ           RELOAD  
              CALL           Q1000770  
              O            ONE  
              CALL           Q1005770  
              X            Q2770770  
              0            Q2770780  
              ENI           Q2770790  
              1            Q2770800  
              SLJ           Q2770810  
              CALL           Q2770820  
              O            Q2770830  
EXIT           SLJ           \*\*  
              END           Q2007770  
REFLOAD      CALL           Q1000770  
              O            X  
              SLJ           EXIT  
              END

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